Payment of Bills of Railway Labour Societies by Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad

526. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some time schedule has been fixed by the Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad, for preparation and submission of coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling bills of Labour Cooperative Societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the timely payment of bills is being deliberately delayed by accounts dealing assistants;

(d) the details of complaints received from Societies during the last three years regarding harassment and delayed payment of bills together with action taken thereon; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to tackle the problem to ensure timely payment to workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Bills regarding Coal Handling, Cinder Picking and Ash Handling received by Allahabad Division for payment

527. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Coal handling cinder picking and ash handling bills received from each Society separately on Allahabad Division for different Loco Sheds and when the same were forwarded to Accounts Office at Allahabad during the period January. 1985 to February, 1987, month-wise separately;

(b) the date against each bill when the CO7 was passed by the Accounts Officer;

(c) when the cheques for payment were made out by the Cheque Writers in respect of each bill for the above mentioned period; and

(d) whether in spite of repeated complaints for demanding illegal gratification no action has been taken either by the Divisional Railway Manager or Divisional Accounts Officer against erring staff; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

CBI/Income Tax Raids on Railway Officers

528. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway Officers detected during raids conducted by CBI or Income Tax authorities during the last three years for having acquired assets disproportionate to their known sources of income;

(b) what action has been taken against these officers; and

(c) what effective steps are proposed to be taken to eliminate corruption from railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The following steps are taken to curb corruption on the Railways:—